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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT TOTALS 410,200 IN FEBRUARY

Overall Rhode Island employment declined in February primarily due to seasonal decreases in the Nonmanufacturing sector and layoffs in some Manufacturing industries, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 410,200 in February. While this figure represents a decline of 900 from the January level of 411,100, it is still 9,000 jobs above the February 1984 total of 401,200.

MANUFACTURING

Overall Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island decreased by 500 in February to 118,500. This figure was 300 jobs less than the February 1984 level of 118,800. In the Durable Goods category, the February employment total of 80,200 was down 400 from both the January level and the figure recorded one year ago in February. The current Nondurable Goods employment of 38,300 was 100 jobs below the January total but was 100 above the level of February 1984.

Within the Durable Goods sector, monthly job gains of 100 each were posted in Nonelectrical Machinery and Miscellaneous Manufacturing. Monthly decreases of 200 each were reported in Electrical Machinery and Jewelry/Silverware, while Stone-Clay-Glass and Instruments each declined by 100. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their January employment levels. Compared to a year ago, employment increases occurred in Transportation Equipment (+700) and Stone-Clay-Glass (+100). Annual job declines were recorded in Jewelry/Silverware (-900) and Lumber/Furniture, Electrical Machinery, and Instruments (-100 each). The remaining Dur-

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EMPLOYERS! HELP YOURSELF BY HELPING YOUTH THIS SUMMER

This summer you can give a young person the chance of a life-time – for a life – time of success.

Your firm or business can save in taxes by taking a credit for hiring young people for summer jobs. The Targeted Jobs Tax Credit allows you to give young people an opportunity for a job and give your business a tax break at the same time.

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The Targeted Jobs Tax Credit program is different and it's easy. Only two simple forms are used to establish the new worker's eligibility for the credit. The Rhode Island Job Service will do the determination for you.

List your TJTC Summer Youth job orders with the Rhode Island Job Service. Call 277-3588 or any local office listed on page two of this Bulletin.

JOB SERVICE

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave. 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3537
NEWPORT, 5 Harrison Avenue 847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
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Employer Services 277-3573
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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984
Total Placements	916	1,751	1,163
New Applications	4,049	4,674	3,902
New Openings Rec'd.	1,541	2,419	1,958

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1985	Jan 1985	% Change Jan. 1985
Initial Claims	10,301	15,807	- 34.8
No. of Payments	71,743	77,479	- 7.4
Amt. of Payments	$ 8,653,366	$ 9,166,886	- 5.6
Exhaustions	990	978	+ 1.2

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985
Initial Claims	1,224	1,386
No. of Payments	6,892	7,727
Amount of Payments	$ 733,493	$ 809,893

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force—Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	488.8	491.8	481.6
Unemployment	27.6	25.9	33.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.6	5.3	6.9
Seas. Adjusted Rate	4.9	4.8	5.9

Beginning with this issue of the Rhode Island Employment Bulletin, labor force and unemployment statistics for the Providence Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) and the Pawtucket-Woonsocket-Attleboro PMSA are included. The definitions of these areas were recently established by the Office of Management and Budget, based on data from the 1980 Census. A list of the cities and towns in these areas is available upon request from the Labor Market Information Section of this Department, which is located at 24 Mason Street, Providence, RI 02903.

PROVIDENCE PMSA
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(in thousands)

	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	329.7	334.1	323.8
Unemployment	16.3	17.3	22.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.9	5.2	6.9

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO PMSA
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(in thousands)

	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	138.0	137.5	137.7
Unemployment	9.5	8.4	13.1
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.9	6.1	9.5

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	38,995	39,320	36,290
Unemployment	1,430	1,415	2,065
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.7	3.6	5.7

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
FEBRUARY 18-22. 1985

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	19,658	100.0
Men	11,858	60.3
Under 45	8,968	75.6
45 and over	2,890	24.4
Women	7,800	39.7
Under 45	4,769	61.1
45 and over	3,031	38.9
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	4,148	21.1
Manufacturing	8,455	43.0
Public Utilities	638	3.2
Wholesale and Retail	2,198	11.2
Finance-Insurance & Real Estate	213	1.1
Service	1,950	9.9
All Other	2,056	10.5
Occupational Skills		
Prof. Tech. and Managerial	1,294	6.6
Clerical and Sales	1,967	10.0
Service	1,648	8.4
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	780	4.0
Processing	869	4.4
Machine Trades	1,879	9.5
Bench Work	3,297	16.8
Structural Work	4,467	22.7
Miscellaneous	2,127	10.8
INA	1,330	6.8

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	410.2	411.1	401.2	- 900	+ 9,000
MANUFACTURING	118.5	119.0	118.8	- 500	- 300
NONMANUFACTURING	291.7	292.1	282.4	- 400	+ 9,300
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	10.9	11.2	10.4	- 300	+ 500
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.4	13.4	13.3	-	+ 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	87.7	88.4	83.8	- 700	+ 3,900
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	23.7	23.6	22.1	+ 100	+ 1,600
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	98.2	97.6	95.0	+ 600	+ 3,200
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.8	57.9	57.8	- 100	-

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1984
ALL MANUFACTURING	118.5	119.0	118.8	- 500	- 300	$300.21	$296.49	40.9	41.7	$ 7.34	$ 7.11
DURABLE GOODS	80.2	80.6	80.6	- 400	- 400	300.12	304.59	41.0	42.6	7.32	7.15
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 100	303.16	285.57	40.1	38.8	7.56	7.36
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.7	1.8	1.6	- 100	+ 100	372.50	375.99	40.8	41.5	9.13	9.06
PRIMARY METALS	6.1*	6.1*	6.1	0	0	394.27	362.88	44.5	43.2	8.86	8.40
FABRICATED METALS	9.4	9.4	9.4	0	0	263.60	256.71	40.0	40.3	6.59	6.37
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.2*	6.1*	6.2*	+ 100	0	417.69	386.30	44.2	43.6	9.45	8.86
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.0	12.2	12.1	- 200	- 100	278.10	266.90	41.2	41.9	6.75	6.37
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	10.1	10.1	9.4	0	+ 700	424.13	412.00	41.5	42.3	10.22	9.74
INSTRUMENTS	4.8	4.9	4.9	- 100	- 100	293.87	310.89	41.1	43.3	7.15	7.18
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	22.2	22.4	23.1	- 200	- 900	248.80	221.09	40.0	39.2	6.22	5.64
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.0	4.9	5.0	+ 100	0	226.10	218.10	34.0	33.4	6.65	6.53
NONDURABLE GOODS	38.3	38.4	38.2	- 100	+ 100	292.66	281.60	40.2	40.0	7.28	7.04
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.5	3.6	3.3	- 100	+ 200	230.95	226.38	36.6	38.5	6.31	5.88
TEXTILES	11.1	10.9	11.2	+ 200	- 100	311.45	308.58	40.5	41.7	7.69	7.40
APPAREL	3.4	3.5	3.6	- 100	- 200	255.82	248.05	40.8	41.0	6.27	6.05
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 100	274.65	260.94	41.3	40.9	6.65	6.38
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.0	6.0	5.8	0	+ 200	391.33	380.51	37.7	36.8	10.38	10.34
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	3.0	3.0	0	0	400.98	377.08	41.0	40.2	9.78	9.38
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.4	1.3	1.4	+ 100	0	290.34	320.97	41.3	42.4	7.03	7.57
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.9	5.0	4.9	- 100	0	300.70	275.91	38.7	37.9	7.77	7.28
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.4	2.4	- 100	- 100	211.47	192.47	39.9	37.3	5.30	5.16

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able Goods industries were unchanged from their February 1984 employment totals.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly employment gains were reported in Textiles (+200) and Rubber Products (+100). Employment decreases of 100 each occurred in Food-Beverage, Plastics Products, Apparel and Leather Products. The remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged from their January levels. Compared to February 1984, employment increases were posted in Food-Beverage and Printing-Publishing (+200 each) and Paper Products (+100). Annual job declines occurred in Apparel (-200), Textiles (-100) and Leather Products (-100). Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged from a year ago.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing industries decreased by 400 jobs from January to February, due mainly to continued seasonal layoffs in Wholesale and Retail Trade and Contract Construction. However, the February total of 291,700 was 9,300 above the February 1984 level of 282,400.

The largest monthly increase in the Nonmanufacturing sector was the addition of 600 jobs in the Service category. At 98,200, this segment was up 3,200 from last February. As a result of a monthly job gain of 100, Finance, Insurance and Real Estate employment rose to 23,700, which was 1,600 higher than reported in February 1984. Wholesale and Retail Trade payrolls declined by 700 for the month to a level of 87,700. However, this figure is 3,900 larger than the 83,800 employed in Trade one year ago. Contract Construction jobs decreased by 300 from January, but the February level of 10,900 represents an annual gain of 500. Total Government employment, at 57,800 decreased by 100 from last month but was unchanged compared to a year ago. Transportation and Public Utilities payrolls remained at the January level of 13,400, but this was 100 higher than the February 1984 figure.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers decreased 2 cents to $7.34 in February. However, this represents a gain of 23 cents per hour compared to one year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.2 of an hour in February to 40.9 hours and was 0.8 of an hour less than reported in February 1984. Average weekly earnings for these workers in February amounted to $300.21. While this represents a decrease of $2.29 from last month, it is $3.72 more than was reported in February of last year.

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